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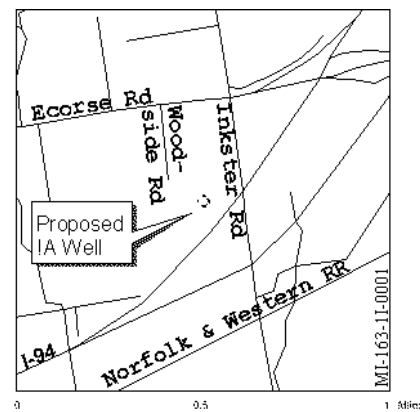
UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL (UIC) PROGRAM PERMIT  
MI-163-11-0001

**FACT SHEET**

**Sun Pipe Line Company Class I Non-Hazardous Brine  
Disposal Well No. 1A in Wayne County, Michigan**

**Introduction**

Sun Pipe Line Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania has applied to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for a permit to construct and operate a new Class I injection well located at the Inkster Terminal facility, Wayne County, Michigan for the disposal of non-hazardous liquid waste.



**Facility Background**

The Class I non-hazardous waste injection well will be used for the disposal of saturated salt brine from the development of storage caverns in salt and, after the caverns are created, for disposal of brine used in operating the caverns. The construction of the Brine Disposal Well No. 1A meets the regulatory criteria of 40 CFR 146.12. This requires that all Class I wells be sited in such a fashion that they inject into a formation which is beneath the lowermost formation containing an underground source of drinking water. All Class I wells shall be cased and cemented to prevent the movement of fluids into or between underground sources of drinking water.

**Site Geology**

The injection zone is the Eau Claire and Mt. Simon members of the Munising Formation and the Precambrian Formation from 3,900 feet to 4,450 feet below the surface. The immediate overlying confining zone is the Trempealeau Formation, Glenwood Shale, and Black River Limestone which are composed of mixed dolomite, limestone, shale and minor amounts of sandy and silty shales and carbonates. Adequate confining layers exist between the Eau Claire, Mt. Simon, and Precambrian Formations and the base of the lowermost Underground Source of Drinking Water.

**Underground Sources of Drinking Water (USDW):** A USDW is defined as any aquifer or portion thereof which contains less than 10,000 milligrams per liter of total dissolved solids and which is being or can be used as a source of drinking water. The base of the lowermost USDW has been identified at a depth of 240 feet below the surface. This water-bearing formation is the upper Detroit River Limestone.

### **Operational Parameters**

**Area of review (AOR):** The AOR is defined as the area within a 2-mile radius of the injection well. It has been determined that there are no producing, no injection, no temporarily abandoned, and no plugged and abandoned wells that penetrate the confining zone within the AOR. The U.S. EPA has issued permits for two wells within the AOR which would be used to inject hazardous industrial wastes into the Mt. Simon if the operator is given an exemption from the land disposal restrictions on the land disposal of hazardous wastes.

**Maximum Injection Pressure:** The proposed permitted maximum injection pressure shall be limited to 604 pounds per square inch gauge (psig).

**Financial Assurance:** Sun Pipe Line Company has demonstrated adequate financial resources to plug and abandon this well by means of a State bond, in the amount of \$51,000 with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

### **Intent to Issue a Permit**

Review of the permit application indicates that no significant environmental impact should result from the issuance of this permit. In accordance with the provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq., commonly known as the SDWA) and attendant regulations incorporated by the USEPA under Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations at Parts 124, 144, 146, and 147, the USEPA intends to issue a permit for the injection well.

### **Public Comments**

Copies of the draft permit and administrative record for this permit action are available for public review between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the address listed below. It is recommended that you telephone Harlan Gerrish at (312) 886-2939 before visiting the Region 5 office:

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (WU-16J)  
Attn: Lisa P. Perenchio, Chief**

**Direct Implementation Section  
77 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590**

The dates of the public comment period for the draft permit will be published in the Herald News, Romulus Roman, and the Michigan Community Newspaper. If significant written comments are received within thirty (30) days of the date of the newspaper publication, a public hearing may be scheduled. If a public hearing is scheduled, a notice of the hearing will be published at least 30 days in advance.

Part C of the SDWA specifically mandates regulation of the underground injection of fluids through wells to assure that the quality of the underground sources of drinking water is protected. Section 1421 of the SDWA requires the USEPA to administer underground injection control (UIC) programs in the states which do not have approved UIC programs. Michigan has not acquired primacy over the UIC program for Class I injection wells, therefore USEPA is administering the permit program pursuant to regulations at 40 CFR Part 147.



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**UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT: CLASS I NON-HAZARDOUS**

**Permit Number: MI-163-1I-0001**

**Facility Name: Brine Disposal Well No. 1A**

Pursuant to the Underground Injection Control regulations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency codified at Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR), Parts 124, 144, 146, and 147,

**Sun Pipe Line Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

is hereby authorized to construct and operate a new Class I non-hazardous waste injection well located in Michigan, Wayne County, T3S, R9E, Section 12, NE Quarter Section, injecting into the Eau Claire and Mt. Simon members of the Munising Formation and the Precambrian Formation at depths between about 3,900 feet and 4,450 feet upon the express condition that the permittee meet the restrictions set forth herein. The injection of any hazardous fluid, specified in 40 CFR Part 261, is prohibited. Injection shall not commence until the operator has received authorization in accordance with Part I(J) of this permit

All references to 40 CFR are to all regulations that are in effect on the date that this permit is effective. The following attachments are incorporated into this permit: A, B, C, D, E, and F.

This permit shall become effective on \_\_\_\_\_, and shall remain in full force and effect during the life of the permit, unless this permit is revoked, terminated, modified or reissued pursuant to 40 CFR §§144.39, 144.40 or 144.41. The permit will expire in one (1) year if the permittee fails to commence construction, unless a written request for an extension of this one (1) year period has been approved by the Director. The permittee may request an expiration date sooner than the one (1) year period, provided no construction on the well has commenced.

This permit and authorization to inject shall expire at midnight on \_\_\_\_\_, unless terminated prior to the expiration date.

Signed and Dated \_\_\_\_\_

**DRAFT**

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Jo Lyn Traub  
Director, Water Division

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PART I  
GENERAL PERMIT COMPLIANCE

A. EFFECT OF PERMIT

The permittee is allowed to engage in underground injection in accordance with the conditions of this permit. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this permit, the permittee authorized by this permit shall not construct, operate, maintain, convert, plug, abandon, or conduct any other injection activity in a manner that allows the movement of injection, annulus or formation fluids into underground sources of drinking water (USDWs). The objective of this permit is to prevent the introduction of contaminants into USDWs if the presence of that contaminant may cause a violation of any primary drinking water regulation under 40 CFR Part 141 or may otherwise adversely affect the health of persons. Any underground injection activity not specifically authorized in this permit is prohibited. For purposes of enforcement, compliance with this permit during its term constitutes compliance, with Part C of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Such compliance does not constitute a defense to any action brought under Section 1431 of the SDWA, or any other common or statutory law other than Part C of the SDWA. Issuance of this permit does not convey property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege; nor does it authorize any injury to persons or property, any invasion of other private rights, or any infringement of State or local law or regulations. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to relieve the permittee of any duties under applicable regulations.

B. PERMIT ACTIONS

1. Modification, Revocation, Reissuance and Termination - The Director of the Water Division of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), hereinafter, the Director, may, for cause or upon request from the permittee, modify, revoke and reissue, or terminate this permit in accordance with 40 CFR 144.12, 144.39, and 144.40. Also, the permit is subject to minor modifications for cause as specified in 40 CFR 144.41. The filing of a request for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or the notification of planned changes, or anticipated noncompliance on the part of the permittee does not stay the applicability or enforceability of any permit condition.
2. Transfer of Permits - This permit is not transferable to any person except in accordance with 40 CFR 144.38.

C. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances and the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby.

#### D. CONFIDENTIALITY

In accordance with 40 CFR Part 2 and Section 144.5, any information submitted to the USEPA pursuant to this permit may be claimed as confidential by the submitter. Any such claim must be asserted at the time of submission by stamping the words "confidential business information" on each page containing such information. If no claim is made at the time of submission, the USEPA may make the information available to the public without further notice. If a claim is asserted, the validity of the claim will be assessed in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR Part 2 (Public Information). Claims of confidentiality for the following information will be denied:

1. The name and address of the permittee; and
2. Information which deals with the existence, absence or level of contaminants in drinking water.

#### E. DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Duty to Comply - The permittee shall comply with all applicable Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program regulations and conditions of this permit, except to the extent and for the duration such noncompliance is authorized by an emergency permit issued in accordance with 40 CFR 144.34. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the SDWA and is grounds for enforcement action, permit termination, revocation and reissuance, modification, or for denial of a permit renewal application.
2. Penalties for Violations of Permit Conditions - Any person who violates a permit requirement is subject to civil penalties, fines and other enforcement action under the SDWA. Any person who willfully violates permit conditions may be subject to criminal prosecution.
3. Continuation of Expiring Permits
  - (a) Duty to Reapply - If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must submit a complete application for a new permit at least 180 calendar days before this permit expires.
  - (b) Permit Extensions - The conditions of an expired permit may continue in force in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 558(c) and 40 CFR 144.37.
  - (c) Effect - Permits continued under 5 U.S.C. 558(c) and 40 CFR 144.37 remain fully effective and enforceable.



- (d) Enforcement - When the permittee is not in compliance with the conditions of the expiring or expired permit, the Director may choose to do any or all of the following:
    - (1) Initiate enforcement action based upon the permit which has been continued;
    - (2) Issue a notice of intent to deny the new permit in which case, the owner or operator would then be required to cease the activities authorized by the continued permit or be subject to enforcement action for operation without a permit;
    - (3) Issue a new permit under 40 CFR Part 124 with appropriate conditions; or
    - (4) Take other actions authorized by the UIC regulations.
  - (e) State Continuation - A USEPA-issued permit does not continue in force beyond its expiration date under Federal law if at that time a State has primary enforcement responsibility under the SDWA. A State authorized to administer the UIC program may continue either USEPA or State-issued permits until the effective date of the new permits, if State law allows. Otherwise, the facility or activity is operating without a permit from the time of expiration of the old permit to the effective date of the State-issued new permit. Furthermore, if the State does not continue the USEPA permit upon obtaining primary enforcement responsibility, the permittee must obtain a new State permit or be authorized to inject by State rule. Failure to do so while continuing to operate the well constitutes unauthorized injection and is a violation subject to enforcement action.
- 4. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense - It shall not be a defense for the permittee in an enforcement action to claim that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.
  - 5. Duty to Mitigate - The permittee shall take all timely and reasonable steps necessary to minimize or correct any adverse impact on the environment resulting from noncompliance with this permit.
  - 6. Proper Operation and Maintenance - The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control and related appurtenances which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires

the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit.

7. Duty to Provide Information - The permittee shall furnish to the Director, within a time specified, any information which the Director may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with this permit. The permittee shall also furnish to the Director, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.
8. Inspection and Entry - The permittee shall allow the Director or an authorized representative, upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:
  - (a) Enter, at reasonable times, upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept under the conditions of this permit;
  - (b) Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that are kept under the conditions of this permit;
  - (c) Inspect, at reasonable times, any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
  - (d) Sample or monitor, at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the SDWA, any substances or parameters at any facilities, equipment or operations regulated or required under this permit.
9. Records
  - (a) The permittee shall retain records and all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation and copies of all reports required by this permit for a period of at least five (5) years from the date of the sample, measurement or report, unless these materials are submitted to the Director as part of reporting requirements under this permit.
  - (b) The permittee shall maintain records of all data required to complete the permit application form for this permit and any supplemental information submitted under 40 CFR 144.27, 144.28, and 144.31 for a period of at least five (5) years from the date the permit application was signed.

- (c) The permittee shall retain records concerning the nature and composition of all injected fluids until three (3) years after

the completion of plugging and abandonment of this injection well.

- (d) The retention period specified in Part I(E) (9) (a) through (c) of this permit may be extended by request of the Director at any time. The permittee shall continue to retain records after the retention period specified in Part I(E) (9) (a) through (c) of this permit or any requested extension thereof expires unless the permittee delivers the records to the Director or obtains written approval from the Director to discard the records.
- (e) Records of monitoring information shall include:
  - (1) The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
  - (2) The name(s) of individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
  - (3) A precise description of both sampling methodology and the handling of samples;
  - (4) The date(s) analyses were performed;
  - (5) The name(s) of individual(s) who performed the analyses;
  - (6) The analytical techniques or methods used; and
  - (7) The results of such analyses.

10. Monitoring - Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity. The permittee shall use the methods described in "Test Methods for the Evaluation of Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods" (available from Solid Waste Information, USEPA, 26 W. St. Claire St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45268), or equivalent methods approved by the Director, to take representative samples. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals contained in Part II(D) (1) through (3) and Part III(A) of this permit.

- (a) Monitoring of the nature of injected fluids shall comply with applicable analytical methods cited and described in Table I of 40 CFR 136.3 or in certain circumstances by other methods that have been approved by the Director.
- (b) Sampling and analysis shall comply with the specifications of the Waste Analysis Plan required in Part II(C) (3) of this permit.

11. Signatory Requirements - All reports or other information, required to be submitted by this permit or requested by the Director shall be signed and certified in accordance with 40 CFR 144.32.
12. Reporting Requirements
  - (a) Planned Changes - The permittee shall give written notice to the Director, as soon as possible, of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility other than minor repair/replacement maintenance activities.
  - (b) Anticipated Noncompliance - The permittee shall give advance notice to the Director of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.
  - (c) Compliance Schedules - Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit shall be submitted by the permittee no later than thirty (30) calendar days following each schedule date.
  - (d) Twenty-four Hour Reporting
    - (1) The permittee shall report to the Director any permit noncompliance which may endanger human health or the environment. See, e.g., Part I(G) (5) of this permit. Any information shall be provided orally within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. Such reports shall include, but not be limited to the following information:
      - (i) Any monitoring or other information which indicates that any contaminant may cause an endangerment to a USDW; and
      - (ii) Any noncompliance with a permit condition, or malfunction of the injection system, which may cause fluid migration into or between USDWs; and
      - (iii) Any failure to maintain mechanical integrity.
    - (2) A written submission shall also be provided within five (5) working days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and, if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to

continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance.

- (e) Other Noncompliance - The permittee shall report all other instances of noncompliance not otherwise reported at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in Part I(E) (12) (d) (2) of this permit.
- (f) Other Information - When the permittee becomes aware of failure to submit any relevant facts in the permit application or that incorrect information was submitted in a permit application or in any report to the Director, the permittee shall submit such facts or corrected information within ten (10) calendar days.
- (g) Report on Permit Review - Within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of this permit, the permittee shall certify to the Director that he or she has read and is personally familiar with all terms and conditions of this permit.

#### F. PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT

1. Notice of Plugging and Abandonment - The permittee shall notify the Director at least sixty (60) calendar days before conversion or abandonment of the well. At the discretion of the Director, a shorter notice period may be allowed.
2. Plugging and Abandonment - The permittee must receive the approval of the Director before plugging the well and shall plug and abandon the well consistent with 40 CFR 144.52(a) (6) and 146.10, as provided for in the Plugging and Abandonment Plan contained in Part III(B) of this permit. Within sixty (60) calendar days after plugging a well, the permittee shall submit a Plugging and Abandonment report to the Director. The report shall be certified as accurate by the permittee and by the person who performed the plugging operation (if other than the permittee), and shall consist of either:
  - (a) A statement that the well was plugged in accordance with the Plugging and Abandonment Plan previously approved by the Director; or
  - (b) If the actual plugging differed from the approved plan, a statement defining the actual plugging and explaining why the Director should approve such deviation. If the Director determines that a deviation from a previously approved plan may endanger underground sources of drinking water, the permittee shall replug the well as required by the Director.
3. Temporary Abandonment - If the permittee ceases injection into the well for more than twenty-four (24) months, he or she shall plug and abandon the well in accordance with the approved plan and 40 CFR 144.52 (a) (6), unless the permittee has received written

authorization from the Director to keep the well open. During any periods of temporary abandonment or disuse, the permittee shall continue to comply with the conditions of this permit, unless a

condition is waived by the Director for the period of disuse. Mechanical integrity testing will not be waived.

4. Revision of Plugging and Abandonment Plan - If the permittee finds it necessary to change a Plugging and Abandonment Plan, a revised plan shall be submitted to the Director for approval at the time of the next monthly report.
5. Standards for Well Closure - Prior to plugging and abandoning the well:
  - (a) The permittee shall observe and record the pressure decay for a time specified by the Director and shall report this information to the Director.
  - (b) The permittee shall conduct appropriate mechanical integrity testing to ensure the integrity of that portion of the long string casing and cement that will be left in the ground after closure. Testing methods may include:
    - (1) Pressure tests with liquid;
    - (2) Radioactive tracer surveys;
    - (3) Noise, temperature, pipe evaluation, or cement bond logs; or
    - (4) Any other test required by the Director.
  - (c) Prior to well closure, the well shall be flushed with a buffer fluid.

G. MECHANICAL INTEGRITY

1. Standards - The injection well must have and maintain mechanical integrity consistent with 40 CFR 146.8(a) (1) and (2). Mechanical integrity demonstrations must be witnessed by an authorized representative of the Director.
2. Periodic Mechanical Integrity Testing [§146.8] - The permittee shall conduct the mechanical integrity testing as follows:
  - (a) Long string casing, injection tubing and annular seal shall be tested by means of an approved pressure test in accordance with 40 CFR 146.8(b) (2). This test shall be performed upon completion of this well, and at least once every twelfth month beginning with the date of the last approved demonstration and whenever there has been a well workover in which tubing is removed from the well, the packer is reset, or when loss of mechanical integrity becomes suspected during operation;



- (b) The integrity of the cement at the bottom of the longstring casing shall be tested by means of an approved radioactive tracer survey upon completion of this well and at least once every sixty (60) months beginning with the date of the last approved demonstration;
  - (c) An approved temperature, noise, oxygen activation, or other approved log shall be run upon completion of this well and at least once every sixty (60) months from the date of the last approved demonstration to test for movement of fluid along the bore hole. The Director may require such tests whenever the well is worked over. The permittee must submit logging procedures to the Director for approval before running logs for the purpose of meeting this requirement.
  - (d) The permittee may request the Director to use any other test approved by the Director in accordance with the procedures in 146.8(d).
3. Prior Notice and Reporting - The permittee shall notify the Director of his or her intent to demonstrate mechanical integrity at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to such demonstration. At the discretion of the Director a shorter time period may be allowed. Reports of mechanical integrity demonstrations which include logs must include an interpretation of results by a knowledgeable log analyst. The permittee shall report the results of a mechanical integrity demonstration within forty-five (45) calendar days after completion thereof.
4. Gauges - The permittee shall calibrate all gauges used in mechanical integrity demonstrations to an accuracy of not less than one-half (0.5) percent of full scale, prior to each required test of mechanical integrity. A copy of the calibration certificate shall be submitted to the Director or his or her representative at the time of demonstration and every time the gauge is calibrated. The gauge shall be marked in no greater than five (5) psi increments.
5. Loss of Mechanical Integrity - If the permittee or the Director finds that the well fails to demonstrate mechanical integrity during a test, or fails to maintain mechanical integrity during operation, or that a loss of mechanical integrity as defined by 40 CFR 146.8(a) (1) and (2) is suspected during operation, the permittee shall halt the operation immediately and follow the reporting requirements as directed in Part I(E) (12) of this permit. The permittee shall not resume operation until mechanical integrity is demonstrated and the Director gives approval to recommence injection.

6. Mechanical Integrity Testing on Request From Director - The permittee shall demonstrate mechanical integrity at any time upon written notice from the Director.

H. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. Financial Responsibility - The permittee shall maintain financial responsibility and resources to close, plug, and abandon the underground injection operation in a manner consistent with 40 CFR 144.52(a)(7). The approved financial assurance mechanism is found in Part III(C) of this permit.
  - (a) The permittee must maintain a written cost estimate, in current dollars, for the Plugging and Abandonment Plan as specified in 40 CFR 146.10. The plugging and abandonment cost estimate at any point in the life of the facility operation must equal the maximum cost of plugging and abandonment at that time.
  - (b) The permittee must adjust the cost estimate of plugging and abandonment for inflation within thirty (30) calendar days after each anniversary of the first estimate. The inflation factor is the result of dividing the latest published annual Oil and Gas Field Equipment Cost Index by the index for the previous year.
  - (c) The permittee must revise the plugging and abandonment cost estimate whenever a change in the Plugging and Abandonment Plan increases the cost of plugging and abandonment.
  - (d) If the revised plugging and abandonment estimate exceeds the current amount of the financial assurance mechanism, the permittee shall submit a revised mechanism to cover the increased cost within thirty (30) calendar days after the revision specified in Part I(H)(1)(b) and (c) of this permit.
  - (e) The permittee must keep on file at the facility a copy of the latest plugging and abandonment cost estimate prepared in accordance with 40 CFR 144.52(a)(7), during the operating life of the facility.
2. Insolvency - The permittee must notify the Director within ten (10) business days of any of the following events:
  - (a) The bankruptcy of the trustee or issuing institution of the financial mechanism; or
  - (b) Suspension or revocation of the authority of the trustee institution to act as trustee; or
  - (c) The institution issuing the financial mechanism losing its authority to issue such an instrument.

3. Notification - The permittee must notify the Director by certified mail of the commencement of voluntary or involuntary proceedings under Title 11 (Bankruptcy), U.S. Code naming the owner or operator

as debtor, within ten (10) business days after the commencement of the proceeding. A guarantor of a corporate guarantee must make such a notification if he or she is named as debtor, as required under the terms of the guarantee.

4. Establishing Other Coverage - The owner or operator must establish other financial assurance or liability coverage acceptable to the Director, within sixty (60) calendar days of the occurrence of the events in Part I(H) (2) or (H) (3) of this permit.

I. CORRECTIVE ACTION

1. Compliance - The permittee shall comply with 40 CFR 144.55 and 146.7.
2. Corrective Action Plan - The permittee shall file a Corrective Action Plan for approval by the Director within thirty (30) days of a written determination by the Director that improperly plugged, completed, or abandoned wells, or wells for which plugging or completion information is unavailable, are present in the area of review and penetrate the confining zone of the permitted well, as defined in the administrative record for this permit.
3. Prohibition of Movement of Fluids into USDWs [§144.12] Should upward migration of fluids through the confining zone of this permitted well be discovered within the two mile area of review due to injection activities at this facility, and should this migration of fluids cause the introduction of any contaminant into a USDW pursuant to 40 CFR 144.12, the permittee shall immediately cease injection into this well until the situation has been corrected and reauthorization to inject has been given by the Director.

J. COMMENCING INJECTION

The permittee may not commence injection until:

1. Results of the formation testing and logging program as specified in the administrative record of this permit are submitted to and approved by the Director; and
2. Mechanical integrity of the well has been demonstrated in accordance with 40 CFR 146.8(a) (1) and (2) and in accordance with Part I(G) (1) through (3) of this permit; and
3. Results from ambient monitoring as required in Part II(C) (4) of this permit have been submitted and approved by the Director; and
4. All required corrective action has been taken in accordance with 40 CFR 144.55(b) (2) and Part III(D) of this permit; and

5. Written authorization to commence injection has been granted by the Director.

## PART II

## WELL SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR UIC PERMITS

## A. CONSTRUCTION

1. Siting [§146.12(a)] - The injection well shall inject only into the formation at the depths listed on the cover page of this permit. At no time shall injection occur into a formation which is or is above the lowermost formation containing, within one quarter mile of the well bore, an underground source of drinking water.
2. Casing and Cementing [§146.12(b)] - Notwithstanding any other provisions of this permit, the permittee shall case and cement the well in such a manner so as to prevent the movement of fluids into or between USDWs for the expected life of the well. The casing and cement used in the construction of this well are shown in Part III(E) of this permit and in the administrative record for this permit. Any change shall be submitted for approval by the Director before installation.
3. Tubing and Packer Specifications [§146.12(c)] - The permittee shall inject only through tubing with a packer set within the long string casing at a point within or below the confining zone. The tubing and packer used in the well are represented in engineering drawings contained in Part III(E) of this permit. Any changes shall be submitted by the permittee for the approval of the Director before installation.
4. Wellhead Specification [§144.51(i)(4)] - The permittee shall install and maintain a female coupling and valve on the wellhead, to be used for independent injection pressure readings. Further, the permittee shall install a sampling port for waste sampling consistent with the permittee's waste sampling procedures, if applicable.

## B. OPERATIONS [§146.13]

1. Injection Pressure Limitation - Except during stimulation, the permittee shall not cause or permit the injection pressure at the wellhead to exceed the maximum limitation which is specified in Part III(A) of this permit. In no case shall injection pressure initiate fractures or propagate existing fractures in the confining zone or cause the movement of injection or formation fluids into a USDW.
2. Additional Injection Limitation - No waste streams other than those identified in Part III(F) of this permit shall be injected. Every twelfth month the permittee shall submit a certified statement attesting to compliance with this requirement.

3. Annulus Fluid and Pressure - The permittee shall fill the annulus between the tubing and the long string casing with a fluid approved by the Director and identified in the administrative record of this permit. Any change in the annulus fluid, except during workovers or

times of annulus maintenance, shall be submitted by the permittee for the approval of the Director before replacement. Except during workovers, the permittee shall maintain a positive pressure on the annulus as specified in Part III(A) of this permit.

4. Annulus/Tubing Pressure Differential - Except during workovers or times of annulus maintenance, the permittee shall maintain, over the entire length of the tubing, a pressure differential between the tubing and annulus as specified in Part III(A) of this permit.
5. Automatic Warning and Automatic Shut-off System - The permittee shall continuously operate and maintain an automatic warning and automatic shut-off system to stop injection in any of the following situations:
  - (a) Pressure changes in the annulus or annulus/tubing differential signifying or identifying possible deficiencies in mechanical integrity; or
  - (b) Injection pressure, annulus pressure, or annulus/tubing differential pressure reaches the pressure limits as specified in Part III(A) of this permit.

A trained operator must be on site and within perceptible distance of the alarm at all times when the well is operating. The permittee must test the automatic warning and automatic shut-off system at least every twelfth month. This test must involve subjecting the system to simulated failure conditions and must be witnessed by the Director or his or her representative.

6. Precautions to Prevent Well Blowouts [§144.51(e) and §144.52(a)(9) and (b)(1)]
  - (a) The permittee shall maintain on the well at all times a pressure which will prevent the return of the injection fluid to the surface. The well bore must be filled with a high specific gravity fluid during workovers to maintain a positive (downward) gradient and/or a plug shall be installed which can resist the pressure differential. A blowout preventer must be kept in proper operational status during workovers.
  - (b) In cases where the injected wastes have the potential to react with the injection formation to generate gases, the permittee shall follow the procedures below to assure that a backflow or blowout does not occur:
    - (1) Limit the temperature, pH or acidity of the injected waste; and
    - (2) Develop procedures necessary to assure that pressure imbalances do not occur.

## C. MONITORING

1. Sampling Point - The injection fluid samples shall be taken at the sampling location as specified in Part III(A) of this permit.
2. Continuous Monitoring Devices - The permittee shall maintain continuous monitoring devices and use them to monitor injection pressure, flow rate, and the pressure on the annulus between the tubing and the long string of casing. The permittee shall monitor the sight glass daily. A value correlating changes in sight glass level with changes in annulus volume must be determined and reported to the Director within 120 days of the effective date of this permit. The monitoring results shall be submitted to the Director as specified in Part II(D) of this permit. The permittee shall maintain for USEPA's inspection at the facility an appropriately scaled, continuous analog record of these monitoring results as well as original copies of any digitally recorded information pertaining to these operations.
3. Waste Analysis Plan [§144.52(a)(5)] - The permittee shall comply with the written Waste Analysis Plan (Attachment F) which describes the procedures used to monitor the nature of injected fluids and the procedures which will be carried out to comply with Part (I) (E) (10) of permit. A copy of the approved plan shall also be kept at the facility.
4. Ambient Monitoring [§146.13(d)(1)] - The permittee shall monitor the pressure buildup in the injection zone initially upon completion of the well, and at least once every twelfth month thereafter, including at a minimum, a shut down of the well for a time sufficient to conduct a valid observation of the pressure fall-off curve. From this observation, the permittee shall submit a report including at least a calculation of pressure build-up in the injection zone, injection zone transmissivity, and wellbore skin factor.

## D. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS [§146.13(c)]

The permittee shall submit all required reports to the Director at:

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
77 West Jackson Boulevard (WU-16J)  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590  
ATTN: UIC Branch, DI Section

1. Monthly Reports - The permittee shall submit monthly reports of the following information no later than the end of the month following the reporting period:
  - (a) Waste analysis results per the approved waste analysis plan as applicable. Laboratory reports must be submitted with the



first monthly monitoring report following their receipt by the operator. This report must include statements showing that the requirements of Part I(E) (10) and Part II(C) (3) have been met;

- (b) A tabulation of maximum injection pressure, maximum and minimum sight glass levels, and minimum differential between simultaneous measurements of injection pressure and annulus pressure for each day of the month;
  - (c) Appropriately scaled graphs showing injection pressure and flow rate and sight glass levels. One graph must include, at a minimum, daily maximum injection pressure and daily average flow rate, on a single, monthly chart. The same or a second graph must display the daily maximum and minimum sight glass levels;
  - (d) A statement of the total volumes of the fluid injected to date, in the current calendar year, and the current month;
  - (e) A tabulation of the dates, amounts and types of liquid added to or removed from the annulus system during the month, and the cumulative additions and cumulative subtractions for the current month and each of the past 12 months;
  - (f) Any noncompliance with conditions of this permit, including but not limited to:
    - (1) Any event that exceeds operating parameters for annulus pressure or injection pressure or annulus/tubing differential as specified in the permit; or
    - (2) Any event which triggers an alarm or shutdown device required in Part II(B) (5) of this permit.
2. Quarterly Reports - The permittee shall report the results of the injection fluid analyses specified in the approved Waste Analysis Plan, as recorded in the administrative record for this permit at least quarterly. In reporting fluid analyses, the permittee shall identify the waste components of the waste stream by their common name, chemical name, structure and concentration, or as approved by the Director.
3. Annual Reports - The permittee shall report the following at least every twelve months:
- (a) Results of the injection fluid analyses specified in the approved waste analysis plan as recorded in the administrative record for this permit as applicable. This report must include statements showing that the requirements of Part I(E) (10), Part II(B) (2) and Part II(C) (3) have been met; and

- (b) Results of ambient monitoring required by 40 CFR 146.13(d) (1) and Part II(C) (4) of this permit.
  - (c) A certified statement attesting that no waste streams other than those identified in Part III (F) of this permit were injected into the well.
- 4. Reports on Well Tests and Workovers - Within forty-five (45) calendar days after the activity, the permittee shall report to the Director the results of demonstrations of mechanical integrity, any well workover, and/or results of other tests required by this permit.

PART III  
ATTACHMENTS

These attachments include, but are not limited to, permit conditions and plans concerning operating procedures, monitoring and reporting, as required by 40 CFR Parts 144 and 146. The permittee shall comply with these conditions and adhere to these plans as approved by the Director, as follows:

- A. SUMMARY OF OPERATING, MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (ATTACHED)
- B. PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT PLAN (ATTACHED)
- C. FINANCIAL ASSURANCE MECHANISM (ATTACHED)
- D. CONTINGENT CORRECTIVE ACTION (ATTACHED)
- E. CONSTRUCTION DETAILS (ATTACHED)
- F. SOURCE AND ANALYSIS OF WASTE (ATTACHED)

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**SUMMARY OF OPERATING, MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

ATTACHMENT A

SUMMARY OF OPERATING, MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

CHARACTERISTIC	LIMITATION	MINIMUM MONITORING FREQUENCY	MINIMUM REPORTING FREQUENCY
Injection Pressure	604 psig maximum*	continuous	monthly
Annulus Pressure	100 psig minimum	continuous	monthly
Annulus/Tubing Differential	100 psig minimum above operating injection pressure	continuous	monthly
Flow Rate		continuous	monthly
Sight Glass Level		daily	monthly
Cumulative Volume		continuous	monthly
Annulus Fluid Loss		monthly	monthly
Chemical Composition of Injected Fluids**		quarterly	quarterly
Physical Characteristics of Injected Fluids**		quarterly	quarterly

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Sampling Location: Samples will be collected from a tap at the well head.

\*This limitation was calculated using the following formula:

$$[ \{ 0.70 \text{ psi/ft} - (0.433 \text{ psi/ft} \times \text{specific gravity}) \} \times \text{depth} ] - 14.7 \text{ psi.}$$

The maximum injection pressure is dependent upon depth, specific gravity of the injection fluid, and fracture gradient of the injection zone. The Eau Claire Member of the Munising formation at 3,900 feet was used as the depth and a specific gravity of 1.25 was used for the injection fluid. The fracture gradient of 0.70 psi/ft is used as a default value, unless a site-specific value is determined pursuant to Part III(D) (B) of this permit, in which case the maximum injection pressure will be modified to reflect the specific value of the fracture gradient in this well. Such modification shall be considered a minor modification as allowed for at 40 CFR §144.41(f). The limitation on injection pressure will serve to prevent injection-formation fracturing.

\*\*As specified in the Sampling and Analysis Plan, found in the administrative record for this permit. At a minimum, this analysis shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Temperature, Specific Conductance, pH and Specific Gravity.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT PLAN**

Attachment B, the Plugging and Abandonment Plan, is not viewable over the Internet. Please visit the public library listed in the public notice above or contact the permit writer listed in the public notice.

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**FINANCIAL ASSURANCE MECHANISM**

#### FINANCIAL ASSURANCE MECHANISM

The Sun Pipeline Company has established financial assurance for the plugging of the brine disposal well Number 1A through maintenance of State Bond #17004459 in the amount of \$25,000 plus a rider which increases the amount to \$51,000 with the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts. Copies of the State Bond and most recent cost estimates are attached.

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**ATTACHMENT D**  
**CONTINGENT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

CONTINGENT CORRECTIVE ACTION AND  
ESTABLISHMENT OF MAXIMUM INJECTION PRESSURE

**A. Contingent Corrective Action Plan**

At present a corrective action plan is not required because no problems were encountered which might pose either a constraint on injection well operations or a threat to ground water systems.

1. Should upward fluid migration occur through the well bore of any previously unknown, improperly plugged or unplugged well due to injection of permitted fluid and/or should any problems develop with the casing of the injection well the permittee will:
  - A. Notify the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) by telephone within twenty-four (24) hours of the discovery of the problem; and
  - B. Provide written confirmation transmitted by letter within five (5) days;
  - C. Immediately plug the improperly plugged well.
2. Should failure of Well Number 1A occur the permittee will:
  - A. Immediately shut the well in;
  - B. Divert the brine that normally would be injected into the disposal well into the two 500,000 gallon holding pits and 10,000 gallon brine tank until the cause of the well failure is remedied; and
  - C. End or reduce the circulation of fresh water to ensure that the volume of water produced could be managed.
3. In the case of well failure the permittee will:
  - A. Conduct an investigation of the indicated well failure problem;
  - B. Develop a plan of action to eliminate the problem; and
  - C. Inform the UIC Branch of the results and give the UIC Branch the opportunity to comment before the remedial work is performed.
  - D. Perform any needed remedial work.

**B. Maximum Injection Pressure (146.13)**

1. During construction of this well, the permittee shall determine if the maximum injection pressure as specified at Part III(A) of this permit allows sufficient operational flexibility. If sufficient

flexibility is allowed for in the maximum injection pressure, the permittee may opt not to proceed with additional testing and the requirements of Part III(D) (B) of this permit shall be met. If the maximum injection pressure calculated prior to direct testing proves insufficient, or another need is identified that requires modifying the maximum injection pressure, the permittee shall conduct one or more of the following tests to ensure that the maximum injection pressure exerted during operation will not propagate existing or open new fractures in any part of the injection zone. In all cases, the permittee shall submit a plan, for the Director's approval, describing the detailed procedures to be followed during any test designed to determine maximum injection pressure. Modification of the maximum permitted injection pressure following a test conducted under Part III(D) (B) of this permit shall follow the procedures set forth for minor permit modifications, as specified at 40 CFR §144.41(f).

(a) In-Situ Stress Tests

The permittee shall isolate zones for testing the fracturing pressure by means of a straddle packer assembly, or other comparable means. The zones chosen for testing shall be those predicted to have the lowest fracturing value. The permittee shall use either fresh water to conduct this test or a fluid that is permissible for injection into this well as allowed for in this permit. At a minimum, the permittee shall measure the test fluid for its specific gravity and viscosity during the In-Situ Stress test. The results of this test shall be submitted to the USEPA as specified at Part III(D) (B) (2) of this permit. Failure to report test results shall be considered grounds to deny a requested permit modification.

(b) Step Rate Test

The permittee shall isolate the entire injection zone by means of a packer assembly, or other comparable means. The permittee shall inject either fresh water for this test or a fluid that is permissible for injection into this well as allowed for in this permit. At a minimum, the permittee shall measure the test fluid for its specific gravity and viscosity during the Step Rate Test. The permittee shall inject into the well at increasing rates, holding each rate step constant. Each rate step shall span the same amount of time (at least 30 minutes per rate step is recommended). The permittee shall attempt to inject at three (3) rates which result in a pressure higher than the injection zone fracture pressure during this test. A Cartesian plot of rate against the final stabilized pressure at each step shall be included as part of the data package submitted to the USEPA. The results of this test shall be submitted to the USEPA as specified at Part III(D) (B) (2) of this permit. Failure to report test results shall be considered grounds to deny a requested permit modification.

(c) Other Test(s) Approvable by the Director

The permittee may choose to conduct test(s) other than the two described in Parts III(D) (B) (1) (a) and (b) of this permit. If so, the permittee shall submit a plan to conduct alternative test(s) to the Director for approval prior to conducting the test(s).

2. Reporting Maximum Injection Pressure Determination

The permittee shall report the results of the measurements, tests and determinations conducted in Parts III(D) (B) (1) of this permit within 30 days of their completion.

**ATTACHMENT E**  
**CONSTRUCTION DETAILS**

#### CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Attached are diagrams of the well construction, wellhead schematic, and a diagram of the annulus monitoring system.

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**ATTACHMENT F**  
**SOURCE AND ANALYSIS OF WASTE**

SOURCE AND ANALYSIS OF WASTE

**Source of Waste** - The waste stream to be injected into the Sun Pipeline Company well will consist of brine produced through the circulation of fresh water through caverns already leached out of formations of salt found at depths between 1,150 and 1,750 feet below the surface. The water will cause the dissolution of additional salt, thus enlarging the caverns. It is also possible that additional caverns may be created. The Sun Pipeline Company has used these caverns to store liquid petroleum gases since about 1950.

**Limitation** - Only brine coming from storage caverns at the Inkster Terminal facility operated by the Sun Pipeline Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and those fluids approved by the Director for the purpose of well testing, stimulation, workovers, or as buffer fluids, may be injected through this well.

**Sampling Range and Frequency** - Quarterly grab samples will be taken at the well by the operator. The permittee shall submit the results of any monitoring well sampling from the facility to the USEPA UIC Branch within 45 days of the sampling event.

Attached is a copy of the waste analysis plan submitted by the operator. The following table lists the species to be sampled. The permittee shall follow the procedures outlined in the Waste Analysis Plan for this permit.

Parameter
pH
Specific Gravity
Temperature
Specific Conductance
Total Dissolved Solids
Sodium ( $\text{Na}^+$ )
Potassium ( $\text{K}^+$ )
Calcium ( $\text{Ca}^{++}$ )
Magnesium ( $\text{Mg}^{++}$ )
Barium ( $\text{Ba}^{++}$ )
Total Iron ( $\text{Fe}^{++}, \text{Fe}^{+++}$ )
Chloride ( $\text{Cl}^-$ )
Carbonates ( $\text{CO}_3^{--}$ )
Bicarbonates ( $\text{HCO}_3^-$ )
Sulfates ( $\text{SO}_4^{- -}$ )
Total Organic Carbon



The Monitoring Program and Waste Analysis Plan are not viewable over the Internet. Please visit the public library listed in the public notice above or contact the permit writer listed in the public notice.